

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:  
**Jeff Miller, et al.**

Serial No.: **10/656,684**

Filed: **September 5, 2003**

Title: **"Drilling Fluid and  
Method for Enhanced Suspension"**

§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§

Group Art Unit: **1796**

Confirmation No.: **8556**

Examiner: **KUGEL, TIMOTHY J.**

Atty. Docket No.: **HALB:045**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING VIA EXPRESS MAIL

PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, I HEREBY CERTIFY  
THAT I HAVE DEPOSITED THIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH  
THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS EXPRESS  
MAIL, POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE, ON THE DATE  
INDICATED BELOW, ADDRESSED TO:

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

*Karen Tripp* APRIL 21, 2008  
KAREN TRIPP DATE

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL: EB 916191789 US

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 19, 2007, please  
amend the referenced application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of  
claims that begins on page 3 of this paper;
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
that begins on page 4 of this paper;
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper; and
- **Summary** begins on page 19 of this paper.

An extension of time is needed for this response and the Commissioner is requested to grant the extension and to charge the fee for same to undersigned's deposit account no. 50-0807 if a check for same is not found enclosed or is insufficient. The final due date for this response should be calculated as April 21, 2008, since April 19, 2008 fell on a Saturday. Similarly, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee for the amendment to the claims included with this response, although none is believed to be due, as well as any other fees that may be due for this application (except the issue fee), to said Deposit Account.

Please amend the application as indicated below.